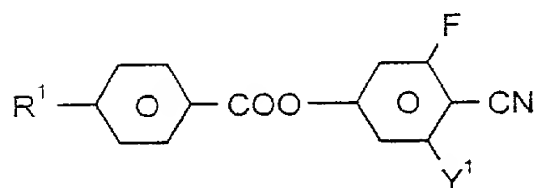


Patent Claims

1. An electro-optical liquid-crystal display comprising
5 a layer of liquid-crystal medium between two substrates with alignment layers on inside surfaces of each of said substrates;
the liquid-crystal layer having a twist angle, from one substrate to the other, of 110° - 360° ;
10 the liquid-crystal layer having a surface tilt angle of 2° - 20° ; and
each of said alignment layers having a thickness of 3 nm-150 nm.
- 15 2. A display according to claim 1, at least one of said alignment layers has a layer thickness of 4 nm-60 nm.
3. A display according to claim 2, wherein the difference from 1 of the steepness of the electric-optical characteristic line, represented by the formula $V_{90}/V_{10}-1$, is half or less of the corresponding value of an
20 otherwise identical display in which the layer thicknesses of each of the alignment layers is 100 nm.
4. A display according to claim 1, wherein the steepness of the electro-optical characteristic line V_{90}/V_{10} is 1.06 or less.
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5. A display according to claim 1, wherein the threshold voltage (V_{10}) of the display is 1.20 V or less.
- 30 6. A display according to claim 1, wherein said liquid-crystal medium comprises one or more compound(s) of formula I



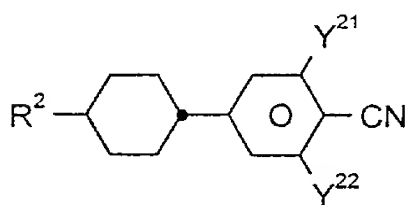
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wherein

R¹ is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, and

Y¹ is H or F.

7. A display according to claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal medium comprises at least one compound of formula II

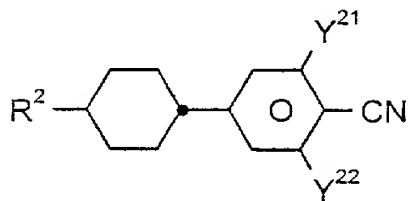


wherein

R² is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, and

Y²¹ and Y²² are each, independently, H or F.

8. A display according to claim 6, wherein said liquid crystal medium comprises at least one compound of formula II

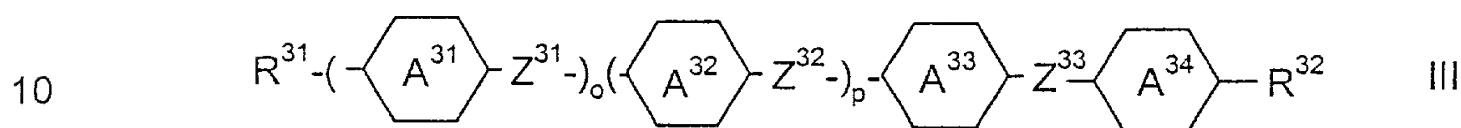


wherein

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, and

5 Y^{21} and Y^{22} are each, independently, H or F.

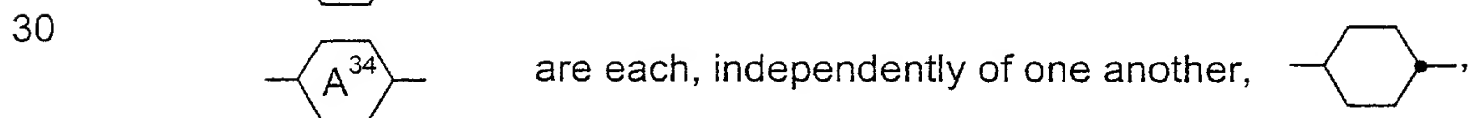
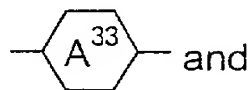
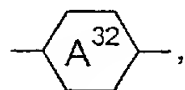
9. A display according to claim 6, wherein said liquid crystal medium comprises at least one compound of formula III



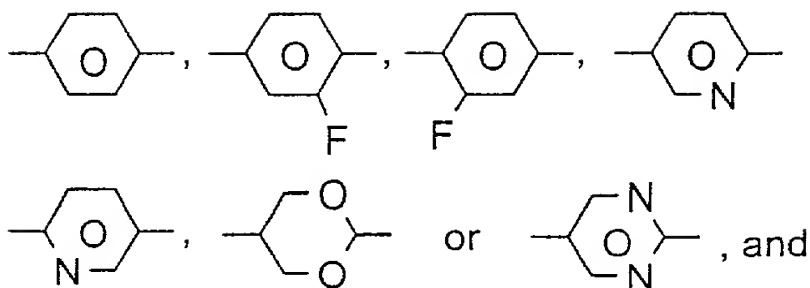
wherein

15 R^{31} and R^{32} are each, independently of one another, alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl, having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, or alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, and

20 Z^{31} , Z^{32} and Z^{33} are each, independently of one another, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{COO}-$ or a single bond,

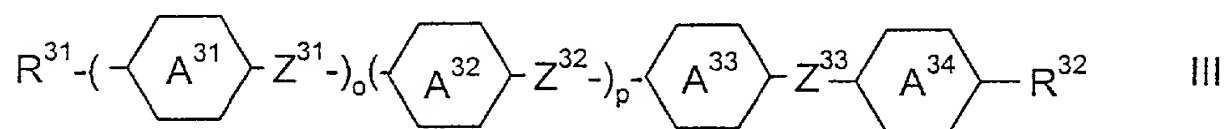


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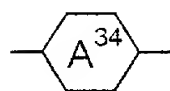
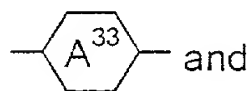
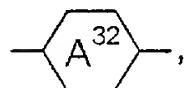
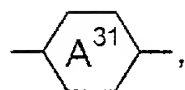
10. A display according to claim 7, wherein said liquid crystal medium comprises at least one compound of formula III



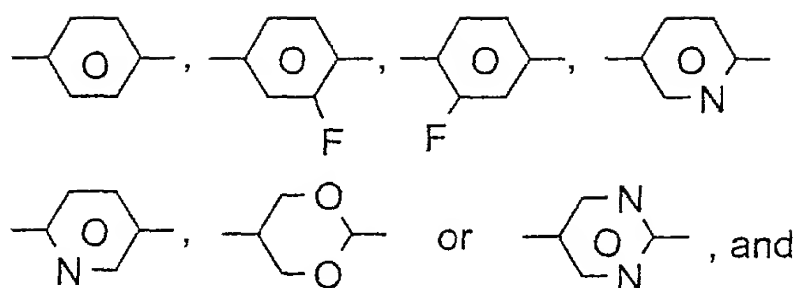
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Z^{31} , Z^{32} and Z^{33} are each, independently of one another, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-COO-$ or a single bond,

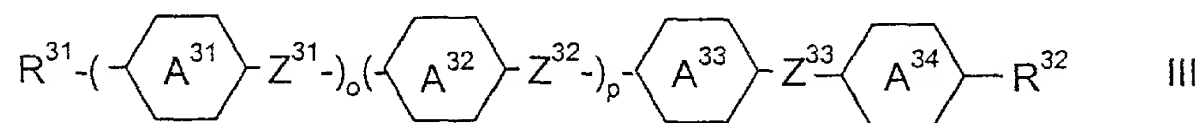


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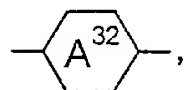
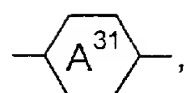
11. A display according to claim 8, wherein said liquid crystal medium comprises at least one compound of formula III



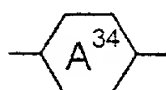
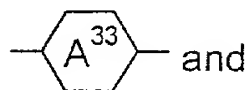
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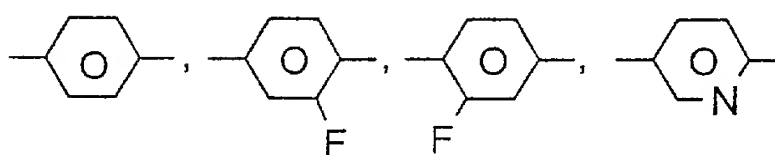


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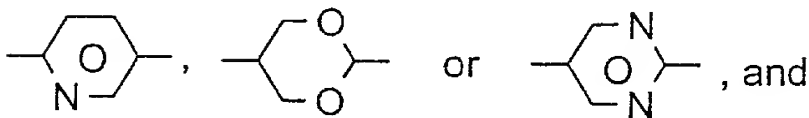


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12. In a method of displaying information using an electro-optical liquid-crystal display, the improvement wherein said display is one in accordance with claim 1.

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